

Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER
THE EPIPHANY**

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Mission Statement

***Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share Jesus.***

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Welcome

In these Sundays after the Epiphany, we have observed many of the miracles of our Lord, who came to save us in body and soul. We give thanks for His many gifts of life and health and daily bread, but especially for our new birth in Holy Baptism—the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. Today we are reminded that because we have received such great, generous, and life-giving blessings from God, we now are enabled to give and share the love of God with others who need God's blessings.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!



GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar* +

❖ **HYMN**

"Rise, Shine, You People"

LSB 825

❖ **CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.** [Matthew 28:19b]

P *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

C **who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

P *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** [Psalm 130:3-4]

P *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

P *Almighty God,*

C **have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
 The mar - tyr's of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 “O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*
O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Lynn Waldeck

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 45:3-15

And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Why are we in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA and VERSE**



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

❖ GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.*

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

❖ HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB 700

SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

+ *Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle* +

❖ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** *Lord, in your mercy,*
C **hear our prayer.**

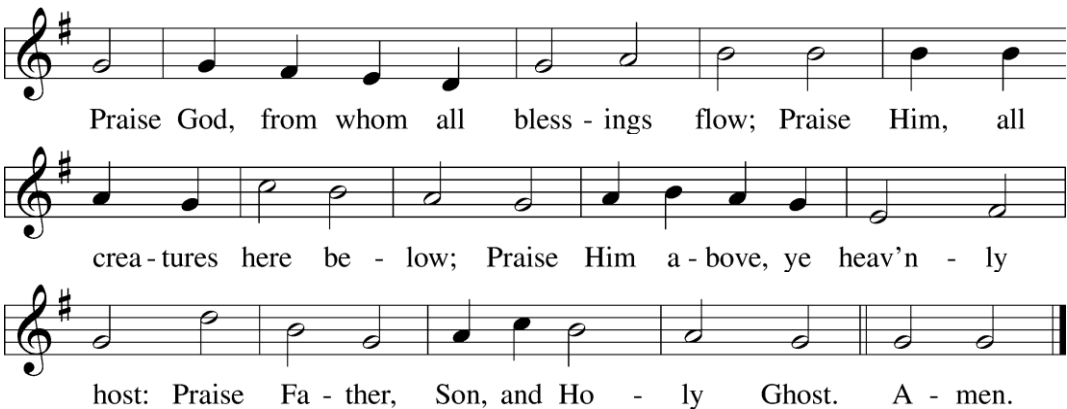
OFFERING + *Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time* +

OFFERING VOLUNTARY (5:00) "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus" – Schack

TRINITY CHOIR (9:00) "O Praise the Lord, My Soul" – Ippolitov-Ivanov

O praise the Lord, O praise thou the Lord, my soul; forever praised be God, the Lord. O praise the Lord, O praise thou the Lord, my soul; every power that within me dwells, praise thou His holy name. O praise the Lord, O praise thou the Lord, my soul; praise Him and forget not all His benefits: It is He forgiveth every iniquity of thine; it is He who healeth all diseases of thine; It is He who even doth redeem thee from destruction, and crowneth thy life with goodness and mercy and tenderness.

❖ **OFFERTORY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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❖ PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.*
C **And also with you.**

- P** *Lift up your hearts.*
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus*

Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

❖ **AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God*

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Hail, O Source of Every Blessing”

LSB 409

❖ **NUNC DIMITTIS** *Song of Simeon*

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

❖ **CLOSING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

By participation in the body and blood of Christ, You have blessed us to be a blessing to those around us, in the fellowship of Your Church, in our families, among our friends and even our enemies. Receive our sincere thanksgiving for Your forgiveness and Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

C Amen.

+ Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar. +

❖ **HYMN** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660

❖ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" - Swann

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday/Sunday March 2/3

5:00 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday March 6

7:15 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
and Imposition of Ashes

Saturday/Sunday March 9/10

5:00 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion